

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

A status of all the claims of the present Application is presented below:

1. (Currently amended) A method of rescinding previously transmitted e-mail messages by a sender, the messages being addressed to a list of recipients, the method comprising:

storing an e-mail message addressed to a list of recipients on a computing system;

generating a notification message, the notification message for allowing recipients from the list of recipients and the sender to access the stored e-mail message;

sending the notification message to the recipients from the list of recipients and to the sender;

determining whether one of the recipients from the list of recipients has accessed the stored e-mail message; and

enabling the sender, ~~in response to determining that~~ if one of the recipients from the list of recipients has accessed the stored e-mail message and using the notification message, to preclude one of the recipients from the list of recipients that have not yet accessed the stored e-mail message from accessing the stored e-mail message.

2. Canceled.

3. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the e-mail message has a text portion, the sender being allowed to modify the text portion.

4. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 3 wherein the stored e-mail message is encrypted by a private key of a private key/public key pair, the public key being in the notification message for automatically decrypting the stored e-mail message.

5. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 4 wherein the computing system is the computing system on which the stored e-mail message was composed.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein the computing system is a server, the server generating and sending the notification message to the recipients and sender.

7. (Previously presented) A method of modifying a previously transmitted e-mail message by a sender, the message being addressed to a list of recipients, the method comprising:

storing the e-mail message on a computing system;

generating a notification message, the notification message for allowing recipients from the list of recipients and the sender to access the stored e-mail message;

sending the notification message to the recipients from the list of recipients and to the sender; and

enabling the sender to modify the stored e-mail message using the notification message wherein the enabling step includes:

determining whether at least one recipient from the list of recipients has already accessed the stored e-mail message;

displaying the list of recipients and a copy of the stored e-mail message to the sender wherein all recipients from the list of recipients that are determined to have already accessed the stored e-mail message are displayed in a distinguishing fashion from recipients that have not already accessed the stored e-mail message;

allowing the sender to modify the displayed copy of the stored e-mail message and to send the modified copy to the recipients that have not already accessed the stored e-mail message; and

replacing the stored e-mail message with the modified copy once the modified copy is sent to the recipients that have not already accessed the stored e-mail message.

8. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 7 wherein the stored e-mail message has a text portion, the text portion being modified by the sender.

9. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 7 wherein the list of recipients is modified by the sender by adding new recipients to the list or deleting recipients from the list.

10. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 7 wherein the stored e-mail message is encrypted by a private key of a private key/public key pair, the public key being in the notification message for automatically decrypting the stored e-mail message.

11-40. (Canceled)